

CONFIDENTIAL
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: September 21, 1955

SUBJECT: Finnish-Soviet Relations

PARTICIPANTS: Signor Carlo Perrone-Capano, Counselor, Italian Embassy

Mr. Owen - EE

Mr. Hilliker - BNA

COPIES TO:

EUR

BNA

EE

WE

Embassy Helsinki

Embassy Rome

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
DATE 3/20/81
REVIEWED BY EC
TS AUTH. ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. ☐ REASON ☐
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
DECLASSIFIED ☒ RELEASABLE ☒
RELEASE DENIED ☐
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS ☐

Mr. Perrone called at his request to inquire concerning the Department's reaction to the Finnish-Soviet agreement for the return of Porkkala to Finland and the 20-year extension of the 1948 mutual assistance treaty.

It was emphasized to Mr. Perrone that the present Soviet objective appeared to be that of reinforcing its demands for U.S. withdrawal from NATO bases overseas. The renewal of the 1948 treaty was considered to be no great concession since it would probably have been renewed in 1958 in any case. We knew of no other concessions and would not expect that there were any of major importance.

Mr. Perrone discussed his own views of the situation and also asked a number of general questions concerning our estimate of present Soviet policies.

CONFIDENTIAL

EUR:BNA:GCHilliker:sgb

OCT 19 1955

FTT.FD

66OE.61/9-2155

CSEB

66OE.61/9-2155